MetaAutomation

A Pattern Language to Bridge from Automation to Team Actions for Quality

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A Pattern Language of software quality for faster, more scalable, and more actionable measurements and communications automatically created and directed to the team members that need to know.

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SIX syllables?

Why patterns?

Why a pattern *language*?

MetaAutomation

"Meta" addresses the high-level values of automation, or why you would do automation in the first place, in order to be mindful and make those values better.

METAPHYSICS

Metadata

MetaAutomation

Making Automation:

- Faster
- Better Scale
- More Trustworthy
- More Actionable
- +Business Continuity
- Cheaper

MetaAutomation

In Scope:

- Regression automation
- Perf testing
- TIP
- TDD

Not in Scope:

Unit testing

Security

Model-based

Analytics

MetaAutomation

Target Audience:

SDETs
Test Managers
Decision Makers
Product Owners
Around
Test Leads
Program Managers
Quality
Dev Leads and Managers

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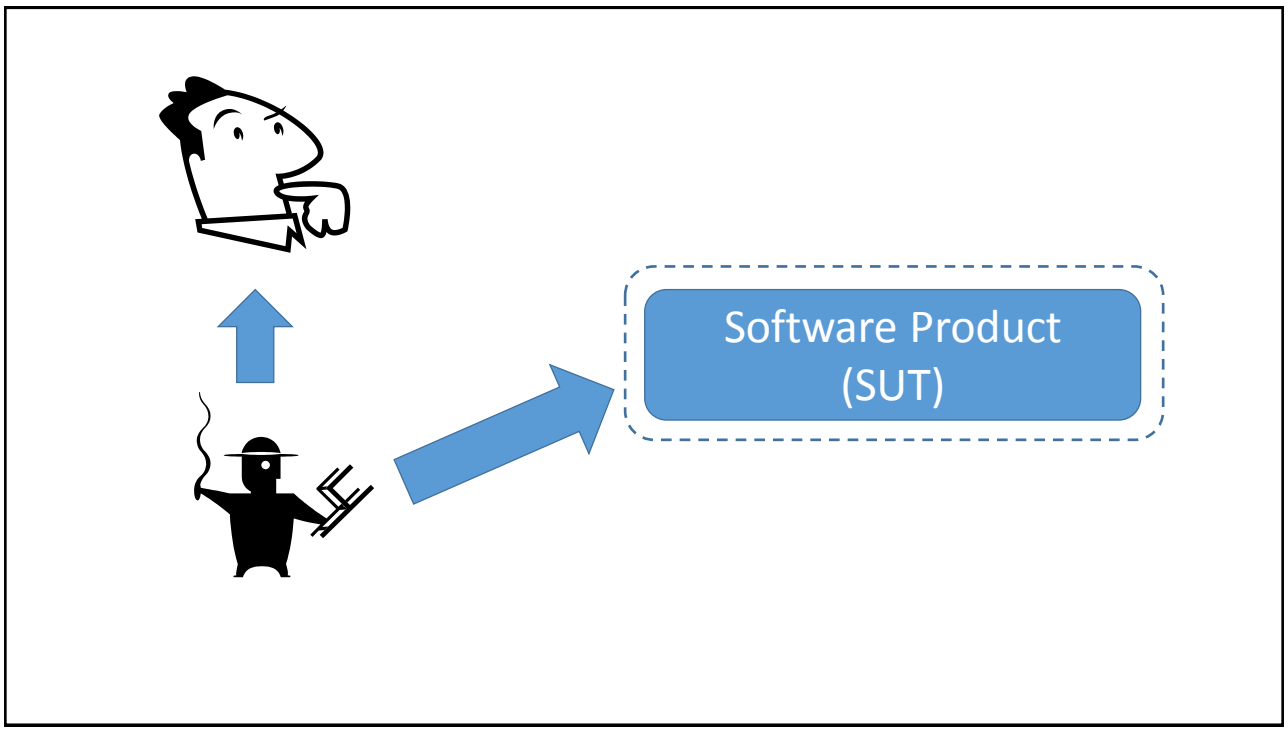
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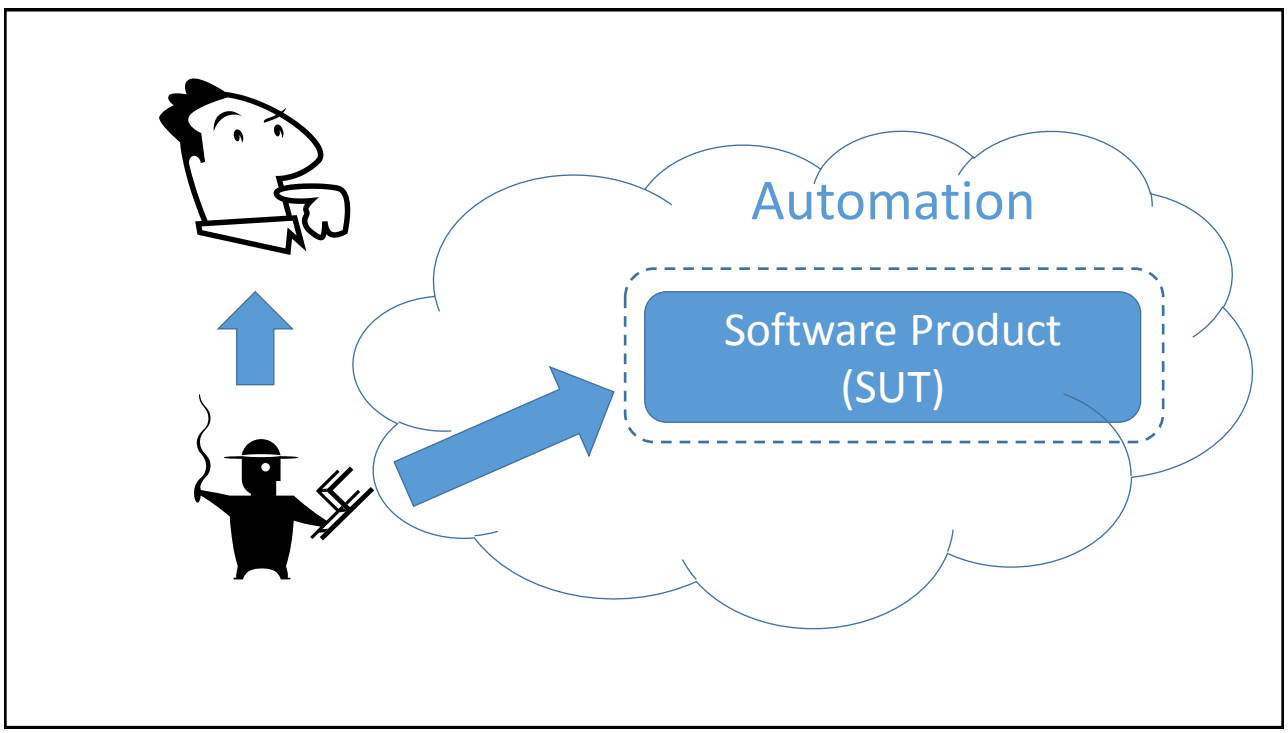
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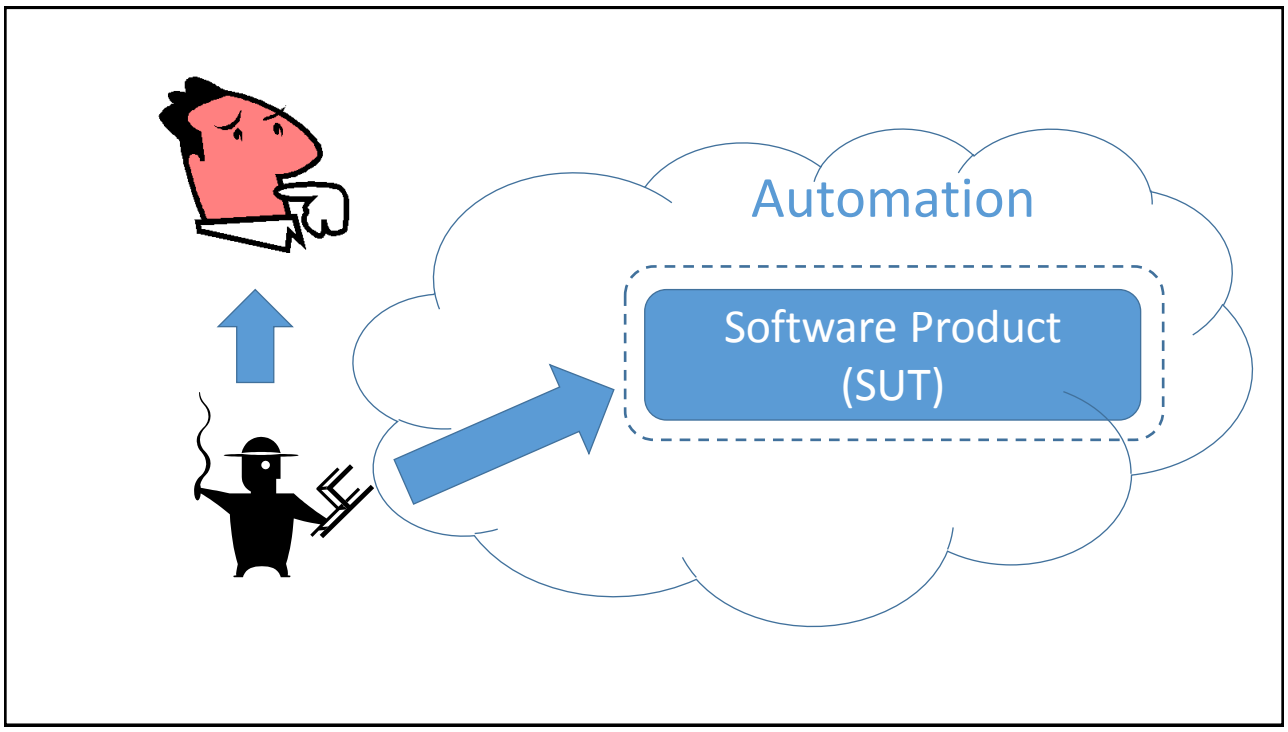
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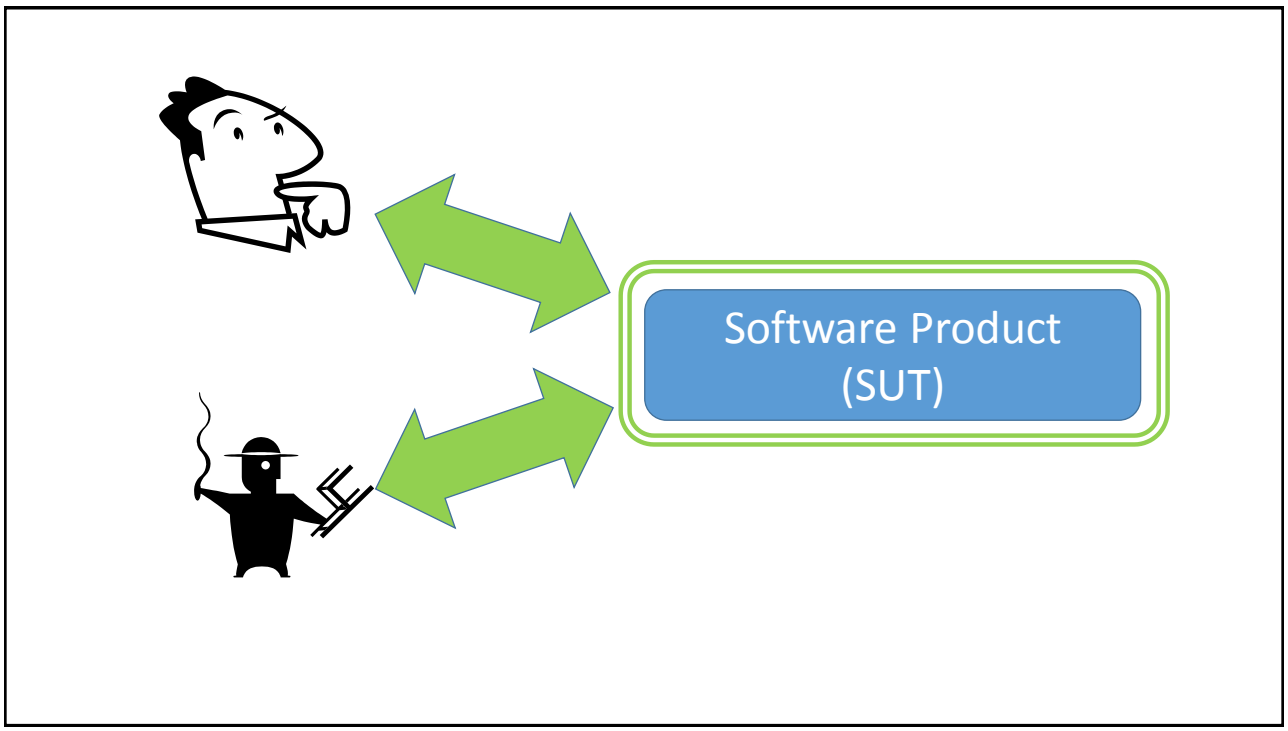
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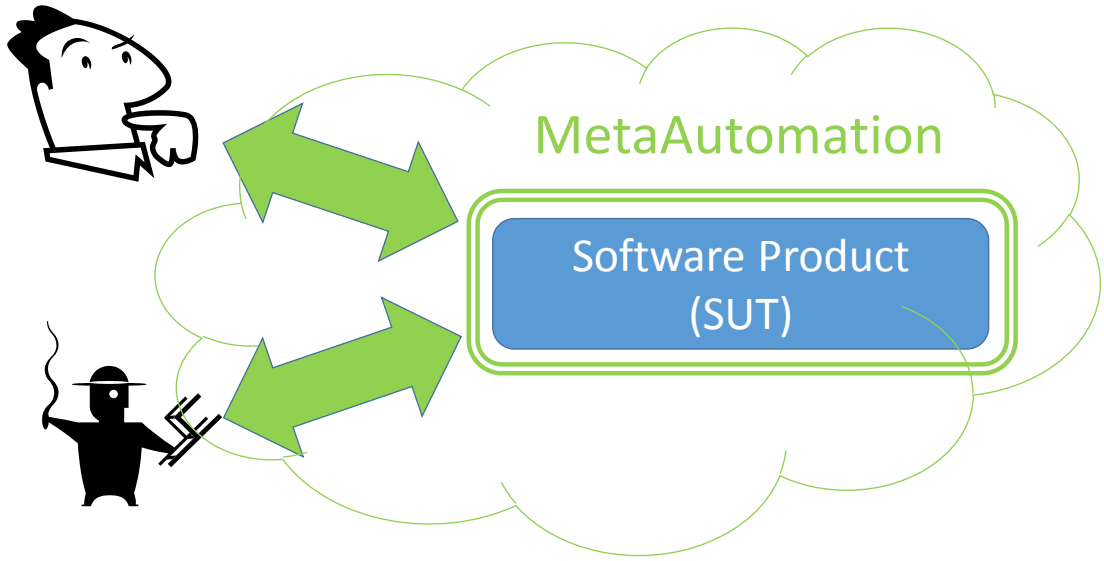

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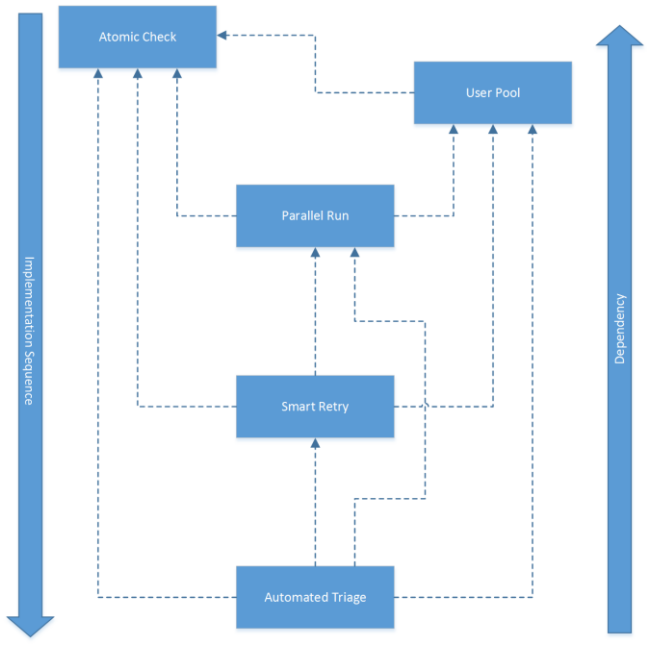

Checks and Tests

- Checks are a kind of test
- Any repeatable automated test is a check

Why use “Check?”

- Common pattern of creating software automation process starts with manual tests
- When the manual test becomes automated, the quality value is very different
- “Check” reduces risk by alerting the team to missing value of automated tests, so avoids the “automation fallacy”
- “Check” makes room for different best practices

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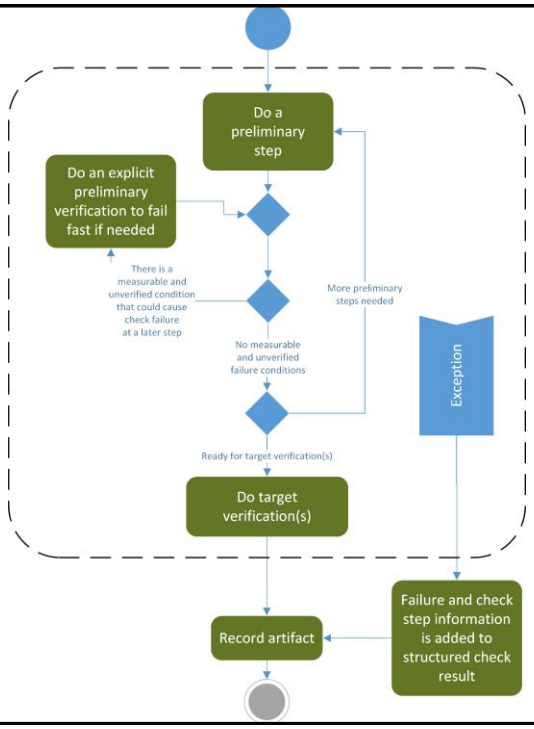

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Automation at any time, including before checkin

Self-documenting check code

Testers do analysis on **business logic** through check artifacts

Telemetry

Passively driving the product (at dogfooding time or with live product usage)

Instrumented software product

Testers do DDQ / analysis on **aggregate data** through telemetry

Actively driving

Even if your product is fully instrumented, you still need automation!

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The book on MetaAutomation will be available by the end of 2014, first in hard copy, later on electronic media.